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PHASE CHANGE MATERIALS AND THERMAL MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEMS

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Dear Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed simultaneously with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER							DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5	4	7	7	6	7	6	12/26/1995	Benson et al.			
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		3	8	2	3	3	0	5	07/09/1974	Schroder			
		3	1	6	7	1	5	9	01/26/1965	Bovenkerk			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

EXAMINER INITIAL		
	✓	Article entitled "GETTERING" an Integral Part of Vacuum Technology, by Dr. Paolo della Porta - SAES Getters S.p.A.; presented at American Vacuum Society 39th National Symposium, November 9-13, 1992, Hyatt Regency
	✓	Article entitled St 707 Non-Evaporable Getters Activatable at Low Temperatures (no date)
	✓	Article entitled St 101 non-evaporable getters, © 101 920630 Saes Getters S.p.A.

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